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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: ITEM 4, REGIONAL COOPERATION

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1. IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTION ON "REGIONAL COOPERATION"
TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL, THAILAND DURING PLENARY DISCUSSION ON
JULY 22 ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO INTRODUCE FURTHER RESOLUTION
ON "STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS" OF WHICH USDEL
HAS OBTAINED ADVANCE COPY. CO-SPONSORED BY AFGHANISTAN,
YEMEN, MALAYSIA, NIGERIA AND KENYA, THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED IN G-77 CAUCUSES AND PROBABLY WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF
MOST LDC'S.

2. USDEL IS STUDYING RESOLUTION NAD MAY COMMENT FURTHER BUT
ON FIRST READING BELIEVES THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM IT WOULD
CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTIES FOR US AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS.
AS DRAFT WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION AFTERNOON OF JULY 23
AND MAY BE VOTED UPON JULY 26, DEPT'S IMMEDIATE COMMENTS
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ARE REQUESTED.

3. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT

STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS MANY RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS 1709(XVI) OF 19 DECEMBER 1961 AND 1823(XVII) OF 18 DECEMBER 1962 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RESOLUTIONS 793(XXX) OF 3 AUGUST 1960, 1442(XLVII) OF 31 JULY 1969 AND 1896 (LVII) OF 1 AUGUST 1974 OF THE COUNCIL.

NOTING THAT SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE EXECUTING AGENCIES OF SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER CONDITIONS INDICATED IN THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS 1896(LVII) AND 1952(LIX) MENTIONED ABOVE,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE DECISIONS MADE AT SUCH GLOBAL CONFERENCES AS THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORTS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON REGIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM (E/5727) AND ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS (E/5607),

DESIRING TO MAKE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THEIR SECRETARIATS THE FOCAL POINTS, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, IN THE CO-OPERATION OF EFFORTS AND THE CO-ORDINATION OF WORK RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS A WHOLE;

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOON AS POSSIBLE,
TO TRANSFER ALL EXISTING REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS DELEGATING TO THEM THE FULL EXECUTING AGENCY FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS;

2. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT ALL FUTURE UNITED NATIONS SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES BE DEALT WITH

BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, INDIVIDUALLY OR CO-OPERATIVELY AS
NECESSARY EXECUTING AGENCIES OF THESE PROJECTS;

3. URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONSIDER REDEPLOYMENT OF STAFF AT
HEADQUARTERS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL
PROJECTS TO THE REGIONAL SECRETARIATS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXECUTIVE
SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO BE PRESENT
AT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY DURING THE DEBATES ON THE BUDGETS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSION
S;

5. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ARRANGE FOR THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT REGIONAL
VIEWPOINTS ARE DULY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ON MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP TO INCLUDE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS
EXECUTING AGENCIES IN THE LIST OF SUCH AGENCIES;

7. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
TO ORGANIZE ON A REGULAR BASIS A MEETING TO CO-ORDINATE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WHOLE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

8. INVITES ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED TO
CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES IN REGARD TO
THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETINGS;

9. FURTHER INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION

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OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO SUBMIT TO THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRESS REPORT.

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